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Dear Eric,

It was a genuine pleasure to speak with you last Friday and I would like to thank you for the warm enthusiasm you expressed in the project concerning the new Canadian numismatic bibliography. I have come to realize over the past twenty-five years that numismatics is one of those rare tools which bridges age gaps, as well as race, class and economic barriers. I count myself to be very lucky to be friends with some of the finest people on the planet who coincidentally just happen to be as crazy about this hobby as I am.

As you can appreciate this bibliography project has consumed over five years of my life so far and it looks as if it will take at least another two or three before we can get to the point where it will be good enough to publish. I have been very fortunate in that the individuals who have assisted us to date have been not only very knowledgeable but also very cooperative and understanding to our goals.

It is our hope that this new bibliography will include all of the relevant sources of material relating to Canadian numismatics from 1692 to date including auction sales which included significant Canadian material. At present, the text is approximately 620 pages long and we believe that when finished it will represent a major milestone in Canadian numismatics that will prove to be an invaluable reference tool for anyone with a serious interest in the subject.

As we discussed I am attaching a copy of a number of pages from the introduction and the text itself so that you can determine the scope of our project for yourself. As I said to you the other day, I would be extremely interested in any of your publications on Early American Paper Money as well as the text you co-edited with Richard Doty, *Studies on Money in Early America*. While I appreciate that these references are primarily concerned with the U.S. colonies, etc., I have come to realize that the American model can often be transposed (usually with minor differences only) onto the Canadian model. This fact is usually overlooked by contemporary and modern numismatists alike - perhaps because they feel it would be too inconvenient to draw any comparisons whatsoever between these two neighbours in that it would only muddy already dirty water. Nonetheless, I feel it is important to continually reassess the role of not only our two mother-nations (England and France) on Canada's economic and numismatic development but also the importance of monetary developments in colonial America which impacted so powerfully on that same development.

I sincerely look forward to corresponding with you to discuss this project at any time you wish. Please feel free to write me, phone me or email me at your convenience should you have any questions or comments whatsoever.

I humbly thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Yours very sincerely,

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Eric,
I understand your
reluctance to download
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you this hard copy of the
excerpts. Thank you, once
again. Regards, Darryl